

EXHIBIT A

**AFFIDAVIT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS ON THE
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

Commonwealth of Virginia Va. Code §§ 8.01-301, -329; 55.1-1211; 55.1-1401; 57-51

Case No. *AV23-2662*

District Court

Rachel Peters
v.
189 Turnview Drive
Bristol, VA 24502

Goldman Sachs Bank
v.
604 West St
New York, NY 10166

TO THE PERSON PREPARING THIS AFFIDAVIT: You must comply with the appropriate requirements listed on the back of this form.

Attachments: Warrant Motion for Judgment

I, the undersigned Affiant, state under oath that:

the above-named defendant

whose last known address is: same as above

- is a non-resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia or a foreign corporation and Virginia Code § 8.01-328.1(A) *1* applies (see NON-RESIDENCE GROUNDS REQUIREMENT on reverse).
- is a person whom the party seeking service, after exercising due diligence, has been unable to locate (see DUE DILIGENCE REQUIREMENT on reverse) and that

09-27-23 is the return date on the attached warrant, motion for judgment or notice (see TIMELY SERVICE REQUIREMENT on reverse).

6/9/2023
DATE

Clerk
[] PARTY

[] PARTY'S ATTORNEY

[] PARTY'S AGENT

State of *Virginia* [] City County of *Blacksburg*

Acknowledged, subscribed and sworn to before me this day of , 20

NOTARY REGISTRATION NUMBER

[] CLERK [] MAGISTRATE [] NOTARY PUBLIC (My commission expires

Verification by the clerk of the date of filing of the certificate of compliance requested. A self-addressed stamped envelope was provided to the clerk at the time of filing of this Affidavit.

NOTICE TO THE RECIPIENT from the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

You are being served with this notice and attached pleadings under Section 8.01-329 of the Code of Virginia which designates the Secretary of the Commonwealth as statutory agent for Service of Process. The Secretary of the Commonwealth's ONLY responsibility is to mail, by certified mail, return receipt requested, the enclosed papers to you. If you have any questions concerning these documents, you may wish to seek advice from a lawyer.

SERVICE OF PROCESS IS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE WHEN SERVICE IS MADE ON THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I, the undersigned, Clerk in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, hereby certify the following:

JUN 23 2023

- On legal service in the above-styled case was made upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as statutory agent for persons to be served in accordance with Section 8.01-329 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
- On papers described in the Affidavit and a copy of this Affidavit were forwarded by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the party designated to be served with process in the Affidavit.

[Signature]
SERVICE OF PROCESS CLERK, DESIGNATED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

TIMELY SERVICE REQUIREMENT:

Service of process in actions brought on a warrant or motion for judgment pursuant to Virginia Code § 16.1-79 or § 16.1-81 shall be void and of no effect when such service of process is received by the Secretary within ten days of any return day set by the warrant. In such cases, the Secretary shall return the process or notice, the copy of the affidavit, and the prescribed fee to the plaintiff or his agent. A copy of the notice of the rejection shall be sent to the clerk of the court in which the action was filed.

NON-RESIDENCE GROUNDS REQUIREMENT:

If box number 1 is checked, insert the appropriate subsection number:

A court may exercise personal jurisdiction over a person, who acts directly or by an agent, as to a cause of action arising from the person's:

1. Transacting any business in this Commonwealth;
2. Contracting to supply services or things in this Commonwealth;
3. Causing tortious injury by an act or omission in this Commonwealth;
4. Causing tortious injury in this Commonwealth by an act or omission outside this Commonwealth if he regularly does or solicits business, or engages in any other persistent course of conduct, or derives substantial revenue from goods used or consumed or services rendered in this Commonwealth;
5. Causing injury in this Commonwealth to any person by breach of warranty expressly or impliedly made in the sale of goods outside this Commonwealth when he might reasonably have expected such person to use, consume, or be affected by the goods in this Commonwealth, provided that he also regularly does or solicits business, or engages in any other persistent course of conduct, or derives substantial revenue from goods used or consumed or services rendered in this Commonwealth;
6. Having an interest in, using, or possessing real property in this Commonwealth;
7. Contracting to insure any person, property, or risk located within the Commonwealth at the time of contracting; or
8. (ii). Having been ordered to pay spousal support or child support pursuant to an order entered by any court of competent jurisdiction in this Commonwealth having in personam jurisdiction over such person.
9. Having incurred a liability for taxes, fines, penalties, interest, or other charges to any political subdivision of the Commonwealth.

DUE DILIGENCE REQUIREMENT:

If box number 2 is checked, the following provision applies:

When the person to be served is a resident, the signature of an attorney, party or agent of the person seeking service on such affidavit shall constitute a certificate by him that process has been delivered to the sheriff or to a disinterested person as permitted by § 8.01-293 for execution and, if the sheriff or disinterested person was unable to execute such service, that the person seeking service has made a bona fide attempt to determine the actual place of abode or location of the person to be served.

RETURNS: Each defendant was served according to law, as indicated below, unless not found.

NAME		NAME	
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<input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL SERVICE Tel. No.		<input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL SERVICE Tel. No.	
Being unable to make personal service, a copy was delivered in the following manner:		Being unable to make personal service, a copy was delivered in the following manner:	
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OBJECTION TO VENUE: To the Defendant(s): If you believe that Plaintiff(s) should have filed this suit in a different city or county, you may file a written request to have the case moved for trial to the general district court of that city or county. To do so, you must do the following:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a written request which contains (a) this court's name, (b) the case number and the "return date" as shown on the other side of this form in the right corner, (c) Plaintiff(s) name(s) and Defendant(s) name(s), (d) the phrase "I move to object to venue of this case in this court because" and state the reasons for your objection and also state in which city or county the case should be tried, and (e) your signature and mailing address. 2. File the written request in the clerk's office before the trial date (use the mail at your own risk) or give it to the judge when your case is called on the return date. Also send or deliver a copy to plaintiff. 3. If you mail this request to the court, you will be notified of the judge's decision. 			
I certify that I mailed a copy of this document to the defendants named therein at the address shown thereon on _____ DATE _____			
Plaintiff _____ Plaintiff's Atty. _____ Plaintiff's Agent _____			
I filed _____ on _____ Interrogatories issued on _____ Garnishment issued on _____			

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<small>DATE _____</small> <small>[] Plaintiff</small> <small>[] Plaintiff's Atty.</small> <small>[] Plaintiff's Agent</small>	
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<small>2. Garnishment issued on _____</small>	
<small>3. If you mail this request to the court, you will be notified of the judge's decision.</small>	

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